

Chambers of District Judge C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.
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C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Alabama 1966 BA; Rutgers 1967 MA; Alabama 1971 JD
Began Service: January 4, 1996
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Research Instructor of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (1968-1969); Lecturer in Political Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (1972-1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Frank McFadden, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1971-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1981-1995); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1995-1996)

Legal Practice: Bell, Richardson, Cleary, McLain & Tucker (1972-1975); Partner, Hornsby, Blankenship, Higgs, Smith & Robinson (1975-1981)

Staff
Law Clerk **Irina Khasin** (256) 533-9490
Began Service: August 2009
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Education: Alabama JD
Career Law Clerk **Amy D. Smith** (256) 533-9490
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Inge P. Johnson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Alabama 1970 LLM, 1973 JD
Began Service: October 23, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (1970-1971)

Judicial: Municipal Judge, City of Muscle Shoals (1978-1979); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 31st Judicial Circuit (1979-1998)

Legal Practice: Associate, Dragsted, Kromann, Norregaard & Friis (1970-1971); Partner, Johnson & Johnson (1973-1979)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; United States District Judges Association

Staff
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Karon O. Bowdre
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Samford 1977 BA; Cumberland 1981 JD
Began Service: November 8, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (1990-2001)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable J. Foy Guin, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1981-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Rives & Peterson (1982-1986); Partner, Rives & Peterson (1987-1989); Of Counsel, Rives & Peterson (1989-1990)

Staff
Judicial Assistant **Janice Tennyson** (205) 278-1800
Law Clerk **Ann Morris Watson** (205) 278-1800
Education: Vanderbilt 1980 BA; Alabama 1983 JD

Chambers of District Judge R. David Proctor

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R. David Proctor
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1960
Education: Carson-Newman 1983 BA; Tennessee 1986 JD
Began Service: September 24, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1986-1987)

Legal Practice: Sirote & Permutt, P.C. (1987-1993); Proctor, Lehr Middlebrooks Price (1993-2003)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

Staff
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Chambers of District Judge L. Scott Coogler

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L. Scott Coogler
District Judge

Education: Alabama 1981 BA, 1984 JD
Began Service: June 3, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (2000-2003)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Judge Paul Conger, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1984)

Judicial: Judge, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1999-2003)

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Law Clerk **Brett J. Talley** (205) 561-1671
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Virginia Emerson Hopkins
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Alabama 1974 BA; Virginia 1977 JD
Began Service: June 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Private Practice (1977-2004)

Staff
Judicial Assistant **Abby C. Westbrook** (205) 278-1950

Chambers of Senior Judge J. Foy Guin, Jr.

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J. Foy Guin, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924
Education: Alabama 1947 AB, 1947 JD
Began Service: 1973
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon
Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: President, Abstract Trust Company, Inc. (1958-1973); Secretary, Iuka TV Cable Company, Inc.; General Counsel, Franklin Federal Savings and Loan; Secretary, Haleyville TV Cable Company, Inc.; General Counsel, First National Bank of Russellville

Legal Practice: Senior Partner, Guin, Guin, Bouldin & Porch (1948-1973)

Military Service: United States Army (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: Alabama Law Institute; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Farrah Order of Jurisprudence; Federal Bar Association; Jefferson County Bar Association; Farrah Law Alumni Society, University of Alabama System; World Peace Through Law Center

Staff
Career Law Clerk **Robert Blythe** (205) 278-1834
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Education: Alabama 1984 JD
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James Hughes Hancock
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 LLB
Began Service: 1973
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Legal Practice: Partner, Balch, Bingham, Baker, Hawthorne, Ward & Williams (1957-1973)

Military Service: United States Army (1953-1955)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

Staff
Career Law Clerk **Shannon Holt** (205) 278-1840
Career Law Clerk **Laura Taaffe** (205) 278-1840
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Chambers of Senior Judge Robert B. Propst

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Robert B. Propst
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Alabama 1953 BS, 1957 JD
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Legal Practice: Partner, Wilson, Propst, Isom, Jackson, Bailey & Bolt (1957-1980)

Military Service: United States Army Finance Corps (1953-1955)

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William M. Acker, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927
Education: Birmingham-Southern 1949 AB; Yale 1952 LLB
Began Service: September 1982
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Associate, Graham, Bibb, Wingo & Foster (1952-1957); Partner, Smyer, White, Reid & Acker (1957-1972); Partner, Dominick, Fletcher, Yeilding, Acker, Wood & Lloyd (1972-1982)

Military Service: United States Army (1946-1947)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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